

GLORY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod



The Fourth Sunday in Lent
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Welcome all in the name of Jesus, especially those who are worshiping for the first time with us. Please sign our guest book (make sure to indicate if you would like the Pastor to visit) and accept our invitation to worship with us again.

Who should commune at the Altar of Glory of Christ Lutheran Church? According to the Scriptures and the Confessional statements of the church only those should commune who "have been examined and absolved" by the pastor. If you wish to commune at Glory of Christ for the first time, please talk to the Pastor before doing so. Holy Communion is the most intimate expression of Christian fellowship and it is important to the members of Glory of Christ Lutheran Church that all who commune have a common understanding and commitment to the Gospel teachings of the Bible.

Altar Flower Chart: The cost of the Altar flowers is \$40 per Sunday and you will be able to take your flowers home with you after the service in a box located on the kitchen counter. In order to have your payment for flowers applied correctly, please use one of the *Designated Offering* envelopes found in your box of envelopes or label the outside of one of your regular envelopes with the words 'Altar flowers'. Janice Hartness is our flower coordinator. If you have any special requests, please contact her at 763-355-5427 by the Wednesday prior. **If you take the black "liners" home, please be sure to bring them back to church by the following Wednesday. Thank You!**

2017 Altar Flower Chart: The Flower chart for 2017 is now up. *Please be sure to sign up for the dates you want to give Altar Flowers.*

Glory of Christ gave Altar Flowers this morning.

Lenten Services: 11:30 AM & 7:00 PM March 1 – April 5. *Because of this, the Wednesday 9:15 am Prayer Services will not take place again until after Easter. Wednesday morning Bible Class will still continue.*

Saturday Evening Divine Service: 5:00 PM – *Last one for this spring will be on April 16th*

Monday Evening Divine Services will begin on April 24th

Sunday Schedule: Divine Service 9:00 AM; followed by Bible Class and Sunday school at 10:30.

Northwest Suburban Circuit Congregation Prayers – Each week we will be praying for a congregation in the circuit and for others who have or have had a connection with them. This week, we are asking for prayers for Grace International Lutheran, worshiping at Peace Lutheran, Robbinsdale, and Pastor Isaac Williams.

Lenten Services: We will once again have Mid-Week Lenten Services at 11:30 am, with a soup lunch following and a 7:00 pm evening Lenten service every Wednesday through April 5th. Dinners will be provided by various groups from our congregation each Wednesday evening beginning at 6:00 pm. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be on April 13th and 14th at 7:00 pm with two Easter services at 8:00 am and 10:30 am on Sunday, April 16th. Elders will once again serve a wonderful Easter breakfast between the services that morning. Please plan to join us!

Groups Serving during the Lenten Season:

Lenten Lunches: Compassion Circle is providing desserts and helps with set up and clean up. THANK YOU!!!!

March 29th – Sunday School Teachers & Families – Bake Potatoes/Fixins

April 5th – Altar Guild – Hot dishes, Salads

We have a guest preacher today! – Rev. Dr. Robert Bennett, Executive Director of Luther Academy, is our guest preacher and will also be leading our Bible Study today. Luther Academy's mission is to promote genuine, confessional Lutheran theology and research through conferences, scholarly exchanges, and publications that assist the church both to preserve and to proclaim to the world the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the only saving faith. Please welcome him!

Save the Date! Saturday, May 20th will be **The Liturgy Workshop for Lay People**. Our Guest Speaker this year is Rev. Heath Curtis. Rev. Curtis is pastor of Trinity and Zion Lutheran Churches in Worden and Carpenter, IL. In his spare time, he is an assistant editor for Gerhard's Theological Commonplaces, a Latin and Greek instructor for Wittenberg Academy, and serves as adjunct faculty in the Biblical studies department of Morthland College. **He will be speaking on The Sacraments: Their Essence and Embodiment.**

Summary: An examination of the theology and history of the Sacraments within the Lutheran Church with a special emphasis on the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. One of the familiar phrases of Lutheranism is "Word and Sacrament" - but what do we mean by that? What is a sacrament? What makes a sacrament valid? How many are there? When it comes to administering the Sacraments - does anything go? Or do the nature of the sacraments themselves dictate how they are to be embodied among us?

Workshop with Dr. David Adams: Last summer, Glory of Christ hosted a Concordia Seminary Summer Workshop with Dr. David Adams, but his computer crashed and he was unable to present on his original topic. But good news! He is returning on May 22-24 to give his *original* presentation, so we all have a second opportunity to hear him present on "The Present God: Exploring a Major Biblical Theme." In this presentation Dr. David Adams will explore the major theological motif of the presence of God and show how it shapes the faith of the Old Testament and the fulfillment of that faith in the person and ministry of Jesus Christ in the New Testament. Please note that this presentation is for both clergy *and laity*. If you would like to attend, you can contact Pastor Jeremiah Johnson at jeremiahdj@gmail.com. Or better yet, register directly online at <http://www.csl.edu/resources/continuinged/summer-workshop-series/>.

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

At Glory of Christ the pastor typically makes announcements after the service. So the service just starts at the appropriate time without a specific welcome. (The welcome actually occurs in the service itself when the pastor says "The Lord be with you" and the congregation responds.) To follow the service you should turn to the page indicated at the top of your bulletin insert. This week the page is 184. Usually we simply work through the service interrupting the process for the singing of hymns, certain prayers and the scripture readings. The prayers are usually printed in the service folder as are the Scripture readings. Hymns are found in the latter half of the Service book. If you are having trouble following the service you can ask someone nearby and they will help you. You can also comfort yourself with the knowledge that almost everyone has a little trouble following the service the first time through. It gets easier.

Worship Notes **John 9:1-41**

Blindness and sight, darkness and light: these themes dominate our readings today. Isaiah rebukes the people of God for their blindness—their lack of faith and trust in God. But the Lord will restore their sight. In the Gospel lesson, Jesus restores the sight of a man born blind. But the greater miracle is not when the man can physically see, but when he comes to believe in Jesus. (v35-38) In Ephesians, Paul reminds us that all of us were in the darkness of sin and death. But our Lord has brought us into his light, and now we walk as children of light (v8). This is just as Isaiah prophesied, "I will turn the darkness before them into light..." (v16)

God is seen by those who are capable of seeing him, once they have the eyes of the soul opened. All men have eyes, but some have eyes which are hooded by cataracts and do not see the light of the sun. But the light of the sun does not fail to shine just because the blind do not see; the blind must blame themselves and their eyes. So, you also have cataracts over the eyes of your soul because of your sins and wicked deeds... But if you will you can be cured. Deliver yourself to the physician, and he will cure the eyes of your soul and heart. Who is the physician? He is God, who heals and gives life through the Word and wisdom.

Divine Service, Setting Three (page 184)

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"" *As Surely as I Live, " God Said" – Children's Choir*

OPENING HYMN #839- *"O Christ, Our True and Only Light"*

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT Ps. 27:4–6; antiphon: Ps. 25:15



My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,*
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek | after:*
**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon
the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his | temple.**

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of | trouble;*
**he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high up- | on a
rock.**

**And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will
offer in his tent sacrifices with | shouts of joy;***

I will sing and make melody | to the LORD.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,*
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.

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COLLECT

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 42:14–21

¹⁴For a long time I have held my peace;
I have kept still and restrained myself;
now I will cry out like a woman in labor;
I will gasp and pant.

¹⁵I will lay waste mountains and hills,
and dry up all their vegetation;
I will turn the rivers into islands,
and dry up the pools.

¹⁶And I will lead the blind
in a way that they do not know,
in paths that they have not known
I will guide them.
I will turn the darkness before them into light,
the rough places into level ground.

These are the things I do,
and I do not forsake them.

¹⁷They are turned back and utterly put to shame,
who trust in carved idols,
who say to metal images,
“You are our gods.”

¹⁸Hear, you deaf,
and look, you blind, that you may see!

¹⁹Who is blind but my servant,
or deaf as my messenger whom I send?
Who is blind as my dedicated one,
or blind as the servant of the LORD?

²⁰He sees many things, but does not observe them;
his ears are open, but he does not hear.

²¹The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake,
to magnify his law and make it glorious.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL



[O come, let us fix our eyes on] | **Jesus,***
the founder and perfecter | of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despis- | ing the
shame,*
and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

EPISTLE Ephesians 5:8–14

⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL John 9:1–41

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth.

²And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud ⁷and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." ¹⁰So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." ¹²They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. ²¹But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." ²²(His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) ²³Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." ²⁵He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."

²⁶They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" ²⁸And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" ³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." ³⁸He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" ⁴¹Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

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SERMON HYMN #849 - *"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"*

SERMON

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OFFERING – *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross", "Savior, When in Dust to Thee"*
Adult Woodwinds

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The Distribution Hymns:

Hymn #421 – *“Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing”*

Hymn #619 – *“Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior”*

Hymn #425 – *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”*

Individual Prayer for after Communion:

(It is suggested that you pray this in your pew after returning from the altar.)

Lord, it is true that I am not worthy that you should come under my roof. Yet I am in need and desire your help and grace. So I come with no other plea except that I have heard the gracious invitation to come to your altar. I am unworthy, but you have assured me I shall have forgiveness of all sins through your body and blood which I eat and drink in this sacrament. Amen, dear Lord; your word is true. I do not doubt it. Let happen to me whatever you say. Amen.

Martin Luther

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CLOSING HYMN #919 – *“Abide, O Dearest Jesus”*

MissionsFest: At The Hop!

Rockin' Around
the Clock!

Let's go to
the hop!

Save the date and join us on
April 22nd, 2017!

Social hour starts at 3 PM

Dinner starts at 6 PM



MissionsFest – April 22nd “At the Hop”! Update: We do our best to incorporate feedback into our planning each year for MissionsFest. We would like to briefly update you on two items from last year, as we prepare for another great event! There have been requests to have babysitting provided in the past. After much consideration and research, we will not be providing any babysitting services during the event. Please plan to make other arrangements as you consider attending MissionsFest.

Also, we have received a great deal of feedback about the Lightning Rounds from the last two years. We will be modifying them to allow for the events of the evening to flow more smoothly. Rather than interrupt the live auction items, we will start MissionsFest with all the silent auction items displayed and open for sealed bids. We will stagger the closing of the tables to allow for those who do not win an item to bid on other items. Thank you for your continued support of missions at Glory of Christ. We look forward to seeing you again this year, **“At the Hop”!**

Tickets to participate in the drawings for Pr. Wiebel's hand-carved figure and the opportunity to have one made based on your input will be \$50.00 each. The drawings for both items will be the night of MissionsFest. This is a great way to participate if you can't make it on April 22nd.

Sunday mornings can be crazy! Do you keep forgetting to pick up registration and donation forms? Now you can go online to let us know you are coming. You can [register](#) or share the details of your [donation](#) anytime.

Visit the [MissionsFest](#) page on our website for more information about the event.